



West Virginia Wins

Advances critical projects and studies for flood risk management by:

- Adjusting the cost share for the Lower Mud River flood control project (Milton, West Virginia) from 65% federal and 35% non-federal to 90% federal and 10% non-federal.
- Increasing the maximum federal total project cost under the Continuing Authorities Program (CAP) for streambank and shoreline protection from \$5 million to \$10 million. This supports critical riverbank stabilization projects such as those on the Kanawha River.
- Urging U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to expedite completion of the Bluestone Dam rehabilitation project.
- Directing USACE to expedite completion of the Kanawha River Basin feasibility study for flood control. This will inform future projects that protect communities during events such as the 2016 flood.
- Authorizing a feasibility study for rehabilitation of the Huntington Local Protection Project.

Increases the effectiveness of existing programs for environmental infrastructure by:

- Shifting the geographic footprint of the Section 340 and Section 571 environmental infrastructure programs to conform to West Virginia's two congressional districts.
- Expanding the types of assistance offered under the Section 510 program for the Chesapeake Bay to include wastewater and stormwater projects that contribute to the health of the Bay watershed in West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle.

Provides USACE with additional authorities to address future water resources needs by:

- Focusing attention under USACE's Floodplain Management Services Program on identification of flooding caused by debris.
- Improving USACE's Planning Assistance to States Program to increase technical assistance to all communities and states, prioritizing those that are improving their plans to protect citizens from events like the 2016 flood.